

## LOCAL NEWS.

**FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.**—A meeting of the delegates from the Relief Hook and Ladder Company, and the Hydraulic Steam Fire Company was held last night in the hall of the latter company, to make arrangements for a parade on the 23d inst.

G. E. Entwistle was elected President, and Horace Swain, Secretary.

After the transaction of some minor business, A. C. Kell, esq., was elected as Chief Marshal for the day, each company to appoint an assistant.

An invitation was then extended to the remainder of the Fire Department to participate in the parade.

An invitation was also extended to the various troupes to join in the procession, which is reported to be the most magnificent ever witnessed in this city.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in the same place on Friday night.

**RIVER STEAMERS.**—The steamer Pilot Boy will start for Baltimore to-morrow morning to have her bottom scraped—a six hours job, but which, strange as it may seem, can not be done here. She will land freight and passengers at all her usual landings, and will resume her regular semi-weekly trip on the 15th, arriving here that day. It has not yet been determined whether her route shall continue as far down as Cone River or stop at Curroman, but it is probable that the latter will be the case.

The regular semi-weekly trips of the Lady of the Lake to Norfolk were resumed this afternoon. The steamer left here at her usual hour with a large freight and some passengers.

The trip of the Farmington steamer Fairy are now only tri-weekly—Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

**CHOKED TO DEATH.**—Yesterday morning Mr. Thos. Fay of Uniontown, went to the grocery store of Mr. George Wood, of that place, to make some purchases. While the clerk was cutting a steak for him he took a piece of raw beef and commenced eating it, at the same time walking into a room back of the store. In a minute or two afterwards another customer entered and went into the back room, where he found Fay choking to death. Messengers were dispatched at once for medical aid, and Dr. Bird and Christie responded promptly, but it was too late to render any assistance, as death had taken place. Dr. Christie removed the piece of meat from the throat, and everything was done to restore life, but was of no avail.

**POLICE REPORT.**—Affairs in and around police headquarters were very quiet this morning. The only items reported there were as follows: Carrie Wilson, who was before the Mayor for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

Samuel O. Bagot complained that some unknown person had fired a pistol shot into his house from an adjoining lot.

Five lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

The report that John Horseman, a fisherman of this city, had been arrested and put in jail at Stafford Courthouse for infringing upon the riparian land owners, was incorrect.

**ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY.**—An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company was held in the office of the Company this morning, Samuel Miller in the chair and E. D. Randall, secretary. The committee appointed at the general meeting reported the estimated cost of the new reservoir, the report was adopted, the work of constructing the same was ordered to be proceeded with in the spring, and 25 per cent. or less, directed to be collected per month from the stockholders to pay for the same. Dr. D. M. French was elected a director vice B. H. Lambert, deceased.

**RENCOUNTER.**—A rencounter occurred on the road near Dranesville, on Friday evening last, between Messrs. Cas. Lay and Richard Oliver, the latter a school teacher, in which the former, who was the attacking party, was shot at several times, but escaped, though his clothing was pierced by pistol balls. A fight had occurred on the morning of that day between Mr. Lay's father and Mr. Oliver, in which the former had been badly beaten.

**THE CHAIN GANG AGAIN.**—The chain gang is a source of continued annoyance to those who have its management. It was not at work this morning, Captain Warring stating that he would not take men out on the cold streets here, and would rather resign his position, but up to noon the Superintendent of Police, to whom the resignation would have to be presented, had not seen the Captain or directly heard from him.

**ALEXANDRIA CANAL.**—The repairs to the Alexandria Canal, which have been in progress for some time past, will, if the weather prove favorable, be completed during the present month. Among the most expensive of the repairs will be that to the Aqueduct at Georgetown. The canal will be widened and a basin constructed at the end of the B. & P. R. R., just this side of Four Mile Run.

**FIRE.**—A house near, Guilford station on the W. & O. R. R., belonging to Maj. Nutt, but occupied by Mr. Richard Darce and family, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 29th. Mr. Nutt and his family were not in the house when the fire broke out, and the property was saved, the occupants barely escaping, and one of them, a young lady, not until she had been badly burned.

**EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL.**—Mr. L. M. Blackford, Principal of the Episcopal High School of Virginia, will please accept our thanks for an invitation to attend a dramatic reading by Prof. Henry Scharf at that place to-morrow evening, and to be present at the distribution of certificates of distinction, the following day, when Prof. Scharf will give another reading.

**PROPERTY SALES.**—Mr. J. T. Nalls has purchased the house on the north side of Duke street, between Payne and Fayette, belonging to Mr. Richard Windsor, for \$1,200, and has sold the house on the west side of Washington street, between Wolfe and Wilkes, to Mr. Martin Lawler.

**PORT WASHINGTON.**—The work of improving the Port Washington and putting it in a thorough state of defence, suspended some time ago because the appropriation for that purpose had been exhausted, will, it is understood, be resumed sometime between the 15th inst. and the end of the month.

**VISITATION.**—Mr. J. Durham, M. C. from Kentucky, and Deputy Grand Sire of the Odd Fellows of the United States, will visit Potomac Lodge of the order in this city, to-morrow night. The Lodge will give the visitor and other invited guests a supper at the City Hotel.

**REHEARSAL.**—The newly organized choir of Christ Church, consisting of four adult and eight juvenile male voices, had a rehearsal last night and rendered the selections in excellent style. The new choir will sing for the first time at morning service next Sunday.

**DESTRUCTION OF SHEEP.**—A flock of sheep, consisting of sixteen valuable Cotswolds, belonging to Mr. A. F. Jenkins, whose farm is on the opposite side of the river, was attacked by dogs which before last and entirely destroyed, not one being left alive.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Among the cattle at the cattle yard at West End, yesterday, was a heifer that apparently knew her fate and became so frantic when the butcher to whom she had been sold came to take her away, that she had to be killed in the yard.

The remains of Mrs. Cabell, who died yesterday at her son-in-law's Mr. Robert Bentley, near Guilford, passed through here this afternoon for Winchester, where they will be interred.

Prunty's automatic relief valve, one of which has been presented to the Hydraulic Steam Fire Company, was tested this afternoon and found to answer its intended purpose admirably.

Mr. Bossart, confectioner on Fairfax street, near Prince, received to-day a supply of fresh West India fruit—bananas, &c., the samples of which sent to this office were as ripe and delicious as possible.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria and Maryland Ferry Company, on Friday next, will be held at the rooms of the Commercial Exchange.

Another large party of man-queaders, male and female, were out on the streets last night, and attracted considerable attention.

A sample of the "Little Lunch"—a five-cent cigar—sold by Mr. Henry Cook, 107 King street, has been sent to this office and pronounced excellent.

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON TURNPIKE.

Under a special act of the Virginia General Assembly the consent of the Board of Public Works has been given to the transfer to the county of Alexandria of the Alexandria and Washington turnpike, it having been abandoned by the company. The above is taken from the Baltimore Sun of this morning. The turnpike has not been abandoned by the company who bought it. A motion to compel them to abandon it has been in the County Court but has not yet been decided.

**FIREMEN'S PARADE.**—All persons desiring to join in the parade on the 23d inst., are requested to make application by 6 p. m., on Monday next, to either of the undersigned.

A. C. KELL  
G. E. ENTWISTLE.

**COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY.**—A called meeting of the Columbia Fire Company will be held at their hall to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 7 o'clock. Full attendance is requested.

By order of the President,  
GEORGE UHLER, Secretary.

A regular meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company will be held to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

PARK AGNEW, Secretary.

**SPECIAL TRIP.**

The steamer PILOT BOY will leave on FRIDAY MORNING, at 7:30 o'clock, for Baltimore, calling at West Point and Annapolis. Freight received until the hour of leaving.

[Feb 5-11] W. A. REED, Agent.

**LAST—On Wednesday night, on Fairfax st., near the corner of Prince, a WHITE SILK HANDKERCHIEF, with a blue border, and marked 1, the corner with an initial. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to the Gazette office.**

[Feb 5-11]

**LOST—A POCKETBOOK, containing a small sum of money, was lost on Royal st., near the Market, yesterday evening. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to this office.**

**WANTED! WANTED! WANTED!**

30,000 WHITE OAK RAILROAD TIES—must be as follows: 8 feet long, 7 1/2 inches thick, 7 inches or more face. Ties to be barked and with square ends. To be either hewn or sawed. Sound timber. Delivered on my wharf in Alexandria.

[Feb 5-11] W. A. SMOOT.

**LANDRETH'S FRESH AND GENUINE GARDEN SEED.**

We have just received from Messrs. Landreth & Son a large supply of fresh Garden Seeds, which we are prepared to offer at low rates.

HENRY COOK & CO.,  
107 King street.

**SAVYER'S LAUNDRY BLUE, Bachelors' Hair Dye, Flesh Brushes, Morgan's Sapolio, French Blacking, Merchant's Gargling Oil and Concentrated Glycerine, just received and for sale by**

[Feb 5-11] J. C. MILBURN.

**NO. 1 MACKEREL, aprime article, received to-day by** [Feb 5] J. C. MILBURN.

**FRESH OATMEAL received to-day by** [Feb 5] J. C. MILBURN.

**REBECCA GLOVES—Another assortment of popular shades just received. These gloves are all warranted.**

PRETZELDER & BENDHEIM'S  
Dry Goods Emporium.

**CRYSTALLIZED OIL**

EIGHTEEN CTS. PER GALLON

at

ENTWISTLE'S CHINA STORE.

**THE STEARINE SOAP,**

Manufactured at

Z. TOBBIER'S SOAP WORKS,

No. 72 Union street,

Cannot be surpassed. Buy it.

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**TASTELESS COD LIVER OIL, a popular remedy for Consumption, Bronchitis, Coughs, Asthma, Scrophula, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, General Debility, &c. For sale by**

WARFIELD & HALL.

**THORN'S INFALLIBLE TETTER OINTMENT, for the cure of Erysipelas, Tetters, Ring Worms or any other eruption of the skin. Just received and for sale by**

WARFIELD & HALL.

**NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, London Layer Raisins, Currants, Ground Spices, Cross & Blackwell's Walnut Catsup, American Sardines, &c., received and for sale by**

DAVEY & HARMON.

**EASTERN HERRING.**

300 bbls prime ROUND HERRING, very handsome, for sale by

HOOE & JOHNSTON.

**JUST RECEIVED—A supply of NEW ORLEANS and DEMERARA MOLASSES and PURE SUGAR OILS.**

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,  
11 North Royal street.

**MOUNTAIN SWEET MALAGA WINE, a very superior article for table use, just received and for sale by**

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,  
106 and 170 King street.

**WINDOW GLASS—A large lot of 8x10 and 10x12 just received and for sale at lowest market rates. Also in full stock a complete assortment of all sizes, running from 8x8 to 24x36.**

[Feb 3] JANNEY & CO.

**RECEIVED TO DAY—A supply of M. B. RUCK'S PURE WINES and BRANDIES, particularly recommended for medicinal purposes.**

[Feb 4] JANNEY & CO.

**OILS!! OILS!! OILS!!—Boiled and Raw Linseed, Nuts and Castor, Train, Lard, Machine, Olive and Sperma OILS, in store and for sale by**

[Feb 4] HENRY COOK & CO.

**NEW YORK CLUB and other SKATES, at 88 King street, corner Royal, selling off at reduced prices. Call and examine.**

[Jan 16] J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

**FROM WASHINGTON.**

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 5, 1874.

The Senate to-day was occupied during its opening hour in the discussion of a bill to keep open certain channels of the Mississippi river.

The Bankruptcy bill was then taken up and further discussed.

In the House of Representatives reports of committees were the order for the morning hour, and the Committee on Public Lands reported in favor of a bill to encourage the planting of trees upon the prairies of the West, and the bill was passed.

The committee reported adversely upon the bill to incorporate the Colorado Irrigation Company, which was laid on the table.

**The Siamese Twins.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says the scientific medical commission, from Philadelphia, arrived at Mount Airy on Saturday last. On Sunday a consultation was had with the wives of the Siamese twins, which resulted in obtaining consent to the proposition of the commission on the condition, and with the distinct understanding that the bodies should not be mutilated. The commission repaired to the cellar, where the remains of the twins were interred, and opened the outer coffin, and then removed the inner coffin to a room above.

The bodies were found in a good state of preservation. Chang's features were partially disclosed, but those of Eng being natural. The widows then entered the room and took final farewell of the remains and left them to the doctors. A partial examination was then had, which was followed by a consultation. A partial enshrouding was then performed, and the bodies once more covered in the coffin, securely soldered in a tin box, and again boxed. After obtaining the consent of the widows they were removed to Mount Airy, and thence to the Richmond station for transportation to Philadelphia.

**The English Elections.**

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Additional returns received this morning from the Parliamentary elections show gains for the Conservatives of one seat each in the following places: Berwick, Leves and North Atterton. They have also gained the two seats for Nottingham. Two seats for London have been gained by the Liberals. Liberals have again been returned from Cokermouth, Denbury, Glasgow, Morbury, Tydyl, Rochdale and Bradford. In the last mentioned place Right Hon. Wm. Edward Forster had a majority of 1700 over his Conservative opponent. Liberals have been chosen to represent the city of Edinburgh, Ashton, Underlyno and Statbyridge have been chosen conservatives. Thus far the conservatives have gained 45 seats lately held by Liberals and Liberals have been chosen for 19 seats before occupied by conservatives. Of the total number of members chosen up to this morning the conservatives have a majority of 23.

**From Cuba.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A private letter from Havana says the affair at Trinidad is regarded as an exceptional case and not at all indicative of a general uprising of negroes and burning of plantations. The opinion prevails that the insurgents will soon be able to cross the old Trocha in comparative force. Heretofore they have been able occasionally to cross in small parties. Should they succeed in crossing in large numbers the burning of plantations is inevitable. A secret organization is thought to exist with ramifications extending to all parts of the island, the object of which is to give moral and material support to the insurgents, who, if successful in their operations in the Central and Eastern departments will endeavor to pass into the villas district. It is conceded that the Spaniards are just now in a tight place and need men and money to carry on the war. The want of both is apparent and is telling severely against the Spaniards.

**"The Reason Why."**

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—It now transpires that the dissolution of the heavy cotton firm of Thomas Perkins & Co., No. 141 Pearl street, was owing to the fact that all of the five clerks had been speculating for two years and making good their losses out of the firm's funds. Unable to longer conceal their delinquencies they made a clean breast at the commencement of the year, when dissolution followed by mutual consent. H. W. Tabor, the wealthy cotton broker, who was a special partner for \$100,000, and a brother-in-law of one of the defaulting clerks, has been appointed receiver by order of the Supreme Court and will settle the claims of the firm.

**Financial.**

LONDON, Feb. 5.—3:30 p. m.—The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £782,000 during the past week. The amount gone into the bank on balance to-day is £16,000.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—2:30 p. m.—The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3 1/2 per cent, which is 1/2 per cent. below the Bank of England rate.

**Weather Probabilities.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.

For the Middle States, light winds, increasing cloudiness and rising temperature. For the South Atlantic States, falling barometer, northerly wind, rising temperature and increasing cloudiness.

**The Markets.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Stocks active and higher. Gold 113. Money 4. Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat quiet and very firm. Corn quiet and firm.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 5.—Va. sixes, old, 39; do. consolidated, 52 1/2. Va's 11 bid to-day. Cotton: good grades firm; low grades dull; low middlings 14 1/4. Flour steady and in fair demand, and prices unchanged. Wheat dull. Corn firm and steady; white Southern 50 1/2; yellow Southern 50 1/2; mixed Western 50 1/2. Oats firm; Southern 53 1/2; Western 53 1/2. Rye quiet at 94 1/2. Hay unchanged. Provisions quiet.

**GREEN TEAS** at 6c and 5c per lb, superior quality, just received and for sale by the

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,  
11 North Royal street.

**GENTS' MERINO SHIRTS, assorted sizes, just received by**

D. F. WITMER & CO.,  
West Point Cadet Cloth—Just received another piece for St. John's Academy Suits. [Jan 27] D. F. WITMER & CO.

**VERY SUPERIOR GUNPOWDER, OOLONG and JAPAN TEAS, for sale by**

J. C. MILBURN.

**500 LBS CODFISH in store and for sale at market rates at 147 King street.**

[Jan 20] W. M. BROOKES.

**CANNED GOODS, in great variety, at low figures.**

GEO. MCBURNEY & SON,  
106 and 170 King street.

**ROSE HILL VINEGAR—strictly pure Cider Vinegar, three years old, in store and for sale by** [Jan 20] W. M. BROOKES.

**REBUILT LARD for sale by the**

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,  
11 North Royal street.

**MORE CHEAP BROWN SUGARS received to-day at**

RAMSAY'S,  
Jan 20 Corner King and St. Asaph sts.

**PRIME CAROLINA RICE, just received by**

J. C. MILBURN.

**700 LBS OF CHOICE CANDY just received by the**

CHINESE TEA COMPANY,  
11 North Royal street.

**RUMFORD'S YEAST POWDER—5 gross just received and for sale by**

J. C. MILBURN.

**LOVER SEED—20 bushels prime New Clover seed for sale by**

THOS. PERRY, 17 King st.

**GOLDEN EAGLES—5 cents.**

G. W. M. RAMSAY,  
Jan 20 Corner King and St. Asaph sts.

**CHEAP SUGARS for sale by**

J. C. MILBURN.

**PRIME CAROLINA RICE, just received by**

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## AMUSEMENTS.

GRAND VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT.

**THE MASONIC CHOR.**

of Washington city,

SAREPTA HALL,

ON TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 10,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

ALEX. WASH. LODGE, No. 22, A. F. & A. M.

At which a rare treat will be afforded all lovers of fine music.

Tickets of admission to all parts of the hall may be obtained at the stores of Messrs. Geo. E. French, John A. Field, S. H. Lunt and Henry Cook, at the hotels and at the hall.

Tickets 75 cents each to all parts of the house. Feb 8-10

**GRAND BALL.**

The officers and members of the KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK of Alexandria, Va., beg leave to announce to their friends and the public that they will give the

**FIRST GRAND BALL**

AT HARMONIE HALL

ON THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 12th, 1874

MUSIC BY THE HOLLY HILL BAND of Georgetown, D. C.

The committee pledge themselves to make this Ball one of the most agreeable of the season.

**Floor Managers.**

R. M. Latham, M. H. Nash,

Committee of Arrangements.

John Lannon, J. P. Rice,

G. H. Harlow, V. W. Power,

P. F. Gorman, M. A. Hart.

The committee reserves the right to eject any improper or disorderly persons from the hall.

Tickets, admitting a gentleman and lady, \$1.

Jan 26-14

**CABINET FURNITURE.**

**JAMES H. DEVAUGHN,**

Manufacturer and Dealer in

**FURNITURE,**

No. 130 King street,

Alexandria, Va.,

looking for cases, Hair, Cotton Top

and Husk Mattresses,

kept constantly on hand and made to order at reasonable prices.

In order to secure prompt attention orders should be addressed to

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